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The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

On behalf of the members of North American – Young Generation in Nuclear, I urge you to recommend Yucca Mountain as the repository for our nation's spent nuclear fuel to President Bush. It is imperative that DOE stay on track and submit a site recommendation on Yucca Mountain to the President this year.

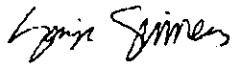
A decision on Yucca Mountain must be based on sound science. DOE has spent almost two decades and \$7 Billion studying Yucca Mountain. These studies have yielded the scientific information necessary for a decision to be made this year. There are no technical or scientific issues that will prevent Yucca Mountain from serving as a permanent repository.

The site recommendation will ensure that the Energy Department lives up to its responsibility to electricity consumers to take ownership of used nuclear fuel from commercial nuclear power plants and radioactive waste from national defense programs.

DOE must keep on schedule to ensure timely movement of used fuel from nuclear facilities around the country. Without Yucca Mountain, dozens of nuclear power plants will run out of existing space at specially designed facilities to store used nuclear fuel. Lacking a government disposal facility, electric utilities must either shut down nuclear plants or expand on-site storage capacity. Either way, this multi-million dollar cost gets passed on to American taxpayers.

I urge you to make used nuclear fuel disposal one of your highest priorities. Future jobs for younger generations depend on it, as does the viability of the industry. Sound energy policy cannot continue to ignore the issue of nuclear waste disposal.

Sincerely,



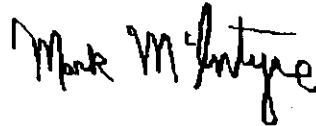
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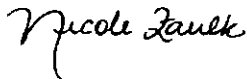
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